नागर विमान मंत्री (श्री सी॰ एम॰ इब्राहिम): (क) गत दो वर्षों के दौरान निजी विमान कम्पनियों के विमानों की 3 दुर्घटनाएं हुई थीं।

(ख) इन दुर्घटनाओं में 9 व्यक्ति मर गए थे।

(ग) ये विमान कम्पनियां सुरक्षा नियमों का पालन करती हैं।

(घ) यह प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Proposal to provide cargo facilities at Rajkot and other airports

3966. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA:
DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are proposals to provide cargo facilities at Rajkot and several other airports;

(b) if so, the names of such airports; and

(c) the target dates of providing these facilities at each of these airports and the cost involved?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) to (c) There is no proposal to provide cargo facility at Rajkot airport. However, Integrated Cargo Terminals are being set up at Coimbatore, Hyderabad, Calicut and Nagpur Airports at an estimated cost of Rs. 3.43 crores, Rs. 6.61 crores, Rs. 2.63 crores and Rs. 1.62 crores respectively. The date of completion of the projects at Coimbatore, Hyderabad and Calicut airports is 15 months from the date of award of the work whereas the project at Nagpur airport is expected to be completed by July, 1997.

Mounting export cargo at airports

3967. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY:
SHRI AKHILESH DAS:
DR. MOHAN BABU:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are facing tremendous problems on account of mounting export cargo at all airports in the country;

(b) what quantities of cargo is lying at each airport and for how long it is lying there;

(c) whether the exporters have sought the intervention of Government to help clear the backlog; and

(d) what measures Government propose to take to clear the huge cargo piled up at each airport?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Apart from Delhi airport, where the backlog was higher (about 2000 tonnes), the backlog at other airports was around 150 tonnes during April, 1997. During this month, the cargo load at Delhi has been reduced to 700 tonnes (as on 9th May, 1977).

(c) and (d) No, Sir. All efforts are being made to clear the export cargo consignments. However, sometimes, due to operational/procedural problems movement of cargo is affected.

Flights of North-West Airlines between India and America

3968. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether North-West Airlines have agreed to start its flights between India and America; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) and (b) Noth-West Airlines has applied to DGCA for permission to start scheduled flights to Delhi and Mumbai *via* Amsterdam from June, 1997.